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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4-21-56

WEATHER The week was cold and dry. Light to moderate rain or snow fell over the Panhandle during the week-end, but there was no precipitation of consequence elsewhere. Temperatures were unseasonably low. Freezing occurred on several mornings throughout the State, and temperatures fell to 15° to 20° over the western half of the State on two mornings. There was more than the usual amount of sunshine. Wind movement was rather high, but there were no unusually strong winds.

CROPS With the exception of a few counties, wheat maintained its condition last week, despite the continued dry weather. Some moisture in the form of rain and snow was received early this week. Reports indicate that the two southern tiers of counties, from Nuckolls and Clay east to the Missouri River, generally received from one-fifth to one-half inch of moisture. There were some reports of moisture in central Nebraska.

Cold weather slowed the growth of wheat. Higher conditions are reported from the Panhandle, southwestern and south-central Nebraska. Wheat condition is not as favorable in central and eastern Nebraska. Some damage from cutworms was reported. The crop is still marking time and ample moisture would improve the outlook greatly.

Some further seeding of spring small grain was reported and all but 4% of the oats and 10% of the barley is now seeded. Some of the early seeded spring grain is up, but germination is slow, due to the cold weather.

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The condition of alfalfa and pasture showed a slight decline, as did the outlook for wild hay. Alfalfa is greening, but needs moisture to produce a satisfactory growth. Pastures are very slow. Planting of sugar beets is well along and some beets are up.

LIVESTOCK Lack of pasture and shortage of feed is causing considerable concern. Some farmers are very short of feed. Cash receipts from the sale of milk and cream last year totaled \$51,585,000, slightly less than the amount received in 1954.

Farm chickens on hand January 1 totaled 11,167,000 birds or 3.4% less than a year earlier. Receipts from sales of chickens, including broilers, totaled \$8,472,000 last year, down 14.5% from 1954. Cash receipts from eggs sold last year, totaled \$39,198,000, up 11% from eggs sold in 1954.

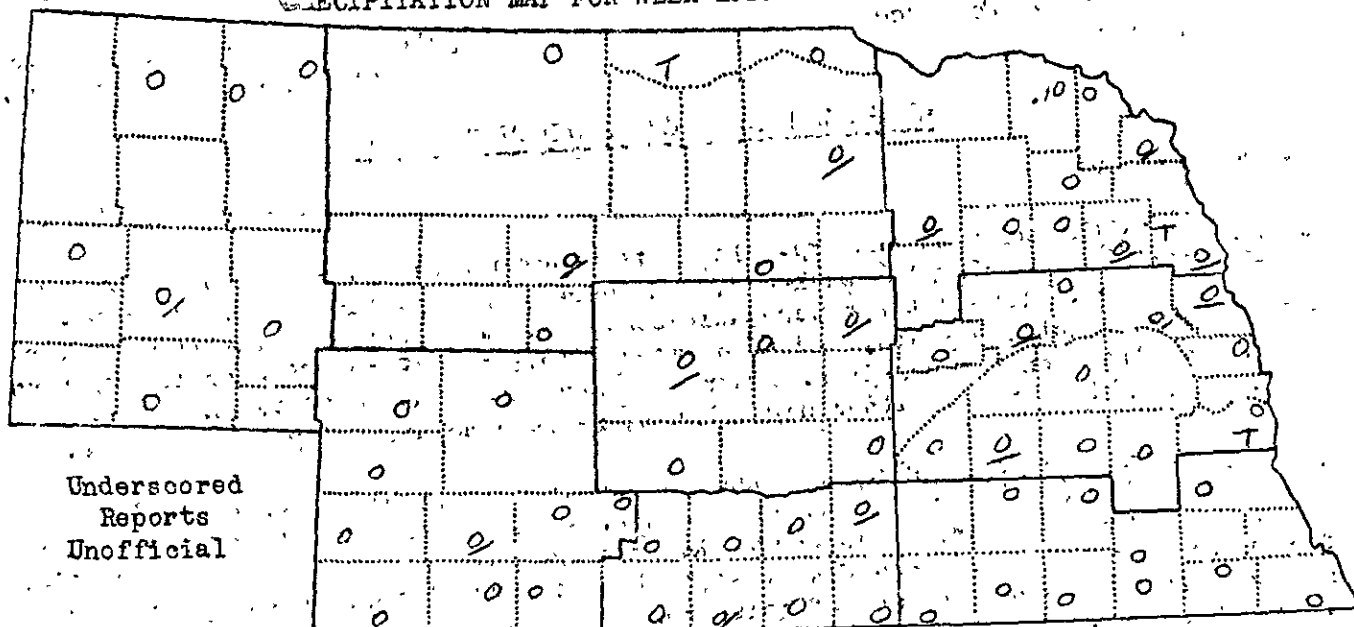
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .09	Burwell 0	Central .21
Lincoln .02	North Platte .11	Imperial .03
Norfolk .01	Valentine .04	Scottsbluff .52
Omaha 0		Sidney .22
Sioux City 0		

Precipitation, April 1-20, 1956

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Total past week	T	T	0
Total since April 1	.77	.82	.33
Long-Time Average			
(since April 1)	1.57	1.45	1.25

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 20, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		April 17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	45	13	50	16	62	23	62	28	75	30	68	30	46	30
	Scottsbluff	48	22	55	19	60	28	62	29	73	37	75	35	41	30
	Sidney	47	22	53	15	57	27	61	28	73	34	76	32	50	32
NC	Burwell	41	20	53	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	76	--	--	--
	Valentine	42	16	51	17	60	26	59	26	77	32	66	35	49	31
NE	Norfolk	40	26	53	28	58	30	58	26	74	36	73	36	50	29
	Sioux City	42	26	55	29	61	32	59	29	73	41	71	36	51	28
CEN	Grand Island	42	23	54	25	60	25	58	28	73	44	83	37	54	32
EC	Lincoln	42	28	55	32	63	35	61	34	72	51	84	38	56	33
	Omaha	42	25	55	26	61	35	60	35	70	43	78	34	51	28
SW	Imperial	48	18	55	20	58	26	64	24	75	30	80	37	51	32
	North Platte	45	15	54	19	59	26	61	26	75	32	80	39	52	30

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